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COVER FOR THIS MONTH

Betty and Steve Szekely, a brother and sister team who are active in Hungarian youth circles and also do some beautiful Hungarian Csardashing. It is to Betty and Steve VILTIS is most grateful for all the material regarding Hungary which appear in this issue. (Hoffman Studios Foto)

IN NEXT MONTH'S VILTIS

A German couple dance "From Hamburg To Altona" and many other articles of interest. A report on the National Folk Festival will also appear.

LITH TO TEACH HEBREW IN JERUSALEM

The Biblical Institute of the Franciscan Order in Jerusalem, invited Fra Klemensas Zalalis, a Lithuanian friar of the Franciscan order, to teach the Hebrew language in their institute.

SINCERE WISHES FOR A JOYOUS EASTERTIDE

"CRUCIFIED LITHUANIA" IN JERUSALEM



DURING THIS HOLY YEAR the pilgrims to Jerusalem and the Holy Land will see something new on the Via Dolorosa, the road of sorrow on which Christ trod to his crucifixion under the heavy load of the wooden cross. The Third Station of the Cross, where Christ fell under his heavy load, bleeding and suffering, a statue was placed reproducing that incident with inscriptions "1940-1950" on the top line; "Jezau! Gelbėk Lietuvai!" (Jesus! Redeem Lithuania!) on the second line; "1950, January 22nd" on the third line. The Station was presented by Pranas Rupeika, a Lithuanian now in Palestine. He fought with the Polish underground and was imprisoned by the Russians. He escaped to Palestine and through his own initiative dedicated this monument to Lithuania's martyrdom. The Station was made by Fra Nikodem. The above picture shows Mr. Rupeika Fra Pietruszka, a Pole. Present at the dedication was also an 86 year old Lithuanian old time resident, Marijona Azubalis (48 years in Jerusalem); others present were (besides the above mentioned); Monsignor Koumyoumdija (Armenian), Marjan Maranic (a Kroat), Augustin Augustinovic (Serbian), Damian Mlynsky (Czech), and T. E. Lisiecki (Pole). Holy Mass was heard by many nationals who escaped the "Iron Curtain". A reception was held in the rectory of the American Patriarchate. Brief talks were delivered in Lithuanian, Arabic, French, Polish and Czech.

May God grant that Lithuania and all subjugated nations now undergoing a genocidal period, be freed, redeemed and resurrected as was He who suffered so bitterly. "Jezau! Gelbėk Lietuvai!"